increased from Rs. 621.00 crore in 1991-92 to Rs. 2792.59 crore in 2000-01.

(d) The RRBs were undergoing expansion phase and as such the branch net work of RRBs was widened and recruitment of staff took place upto 1990. Subsequently the RRBs have been advised to undergo consolidation of their financial position.

Customs duty on non-cooking coal

3698. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the operations of the power plants which use imported coal were affected due to hike in customs duty on non-cooking coal which let to a direct use in the price of electricity; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the interests of the domestic coal industry, no change has been made in the rates of customs duty on coal.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Reforms

3699. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Cabinet Committee on Economic Reforms to accelerate second generation reforms and boost economy has been set up;

(b) if so, the terms of reference and specific purpose of the Committee;

(c) the concrete suggestions or guidelines given by the Committee on various aspects of economic reforms;